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Request for Corrections

Dear Sir:

A couple of errors in the above identified patent have been noticed by the Patentee. A PTO/SB/44 Certificate of Correction form showing these errors is enclosed.

It is believed that these errors were caused by operations of the Office. As indicated in the Patentee's response to the 'After Non-Final Rejection' mailed in September 11, 2004, the errors were NOT presented. Two pages of the 9/11/2004 response downloaded from the public PAIR are enclosed for your convenience. The correct words are indicated with tabs and with highlighted color.

The Patentee respectfully requests that a certificate of corrections be issued in the above identified patent.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 25, 44, 51, 55-61, 65, and 67-70 as follows:

1. (Allowed) A method of communicating between users, the method comprising:
contracting with an owner of an image for use of said image in a graphic
environment approved by said owner, said image characterizing a source of a
product or service offered by said owner;
displaying said image to a first user to represent a second user communicating with
said first user in the graphic environment, that is configured to allow various
emotional expressions of said first and second users as well as physical
interactions, if desired, between a representation of said first user and said image
representing said second user to emulate an actual physical interaction between
said first and second users; and
transferring a message between said first user and said second user over a network.
2. (Allowed) The method of claim 1, wherein said image represents a public knowledge
about said owner and distinguishes said source from other sources.
3. (Allowed) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
registering said image with an agency of government as a trade mark, service mark,
or trade name of said owner.
4. (Allowed) The method of claim 1, wherein said image is formed by a plurality of
elements that together define a trade dress of a product or service of said owner.
5. (Allowed) The method of claim 1, wherein said image is a mascot of said owner.
6. (Allowed) The method of claim 1, wherein said owner owns a copyright in said image.
7. (Allowed) The method of claim 6, wherein said image is a character.
8. (Allowed) The method of claim 6 further comprising:

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offered by said organization.

49. (Allowed) The system of claim 48, wherein said first image comprises a trade mark, trade dress, a trade name or service mark of said organization.

50. (Allowed) The system of claim 48, wherein said organization holds a copyright in said first image.

51. (Currently amended) The system of claim 47 further comprising a text message displayed ~~one on~~ either one or both of the first and second computers and pertaining to marketing, business transaction, or customer service for the organization.

52. (Allowed) A method for users to interact with each other, the method comprising:
an organization using a plurality of images to identify products or services of said organization, each image being owned by said organization;
a plurality of users contracting with the organization for use of said plurality of images, each of said images representing one of said users in a graphic environment that is configured to allow various emotional expressions of said users as well as physical interactions, if desired, among said users by animating corresponding said images to emulate an actual physical interaction among said users;
a computer operated by each user displaying said plurality of images with each image representing one of said users in the graphic environment by moving one of said images towards another one of said images to emulate that one of said users walks towards another one of said users for talking; and
transferring at least one message between said users.

53. (Allowed) The method of claim 52 further comprising: the organization selling a product to each user prior to said contracting.

54. (Allowed) The method of claim 53 further comprising: checking if each user has

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 19, line 52, (in Claim 1) the word 'end' should read "and".

Column 20, line 10, (in Claim 51) the word 'wall' should read "well".

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